

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 481, North Country National Scenic Trail Route Adjustment Act of 2009; H.R. 685, United States Civil Rights Trail System Act of 2009; H.R. 1593, To amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate a segment of Illabot Creek in Skagit County, Washington, as a component of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System; and H.R. 2167, To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study to assess the suitability and feasibility of designating certain lands as the Los Caminos del Rio National Heritage Corridor; Testimony was heard from Representatives Oberstar, Clay and Cuellar; Daniel N. Wenk, Acting Director, National Park Services, Department of the Interior; Joel Holtrop, Deputy Chief, National Forest System, Forest Service, USDA; and public witnesses.

ECONOMIC STIMULUS OVERSIGHT

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Held a hearing entitled "Tracking the Money: Preventing Waste, Fraud, and Abuse of Recovery Act Funding." Testimony was heard from Gene L. Dodaro, Acting Comptroller General, GAO; Robert Nabors, Deputy Director, OMB; Martin O'Malley, Governor, State of Maryland; Deval Patrick, Governor, Commonwealth of Massachusetts; and Edward Rendell, Governor, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

DOMESTIC PARTNERSHIP BENEFITS AND OBLIGATIONS ACT OF 2009

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Federal Workforce, Postal Service and the District of Columbia held a hearing to examine H.R. 2517, Domestic Partnership Benefits and Obligations Act of 2009. Testimony was heard from Representative Baldwin; John Berry, Director, OPM; and public witnesses.

FEDERAL FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT OVERSIGHT

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Government Management, Organization, and Procurement held a hearing on Oversight of Federal Financial Management. Testimony was heard from Representative Cuellar; Gene L. Dadaro, Acting Comptroller General; Richard L. Gregg, Acting Fiscal Assistant Secretary, Department of the Treasury; Peggy Sherry, Acting Chief Financial Officer, Department of Homeland Security; Ronald Spoehel, Chief Financial Officer, NASA; and a public witness.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE, FOREIGN OPERATIONS, AND RELATED PROGRAMS APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2010

Committee on Rules: Granted, by a record vote of 8 to 2, a structured rule. The rule provides one hour of general debate on H.R. 3081, the Department of State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs

Appropriations Act, 2010, equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill except for clauses 9 and 10 of rule XXI. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill for failure to comply with clause 2 of rule XXI.

The rule makes in order the amendment printed in part A of the report of the Committee on Rules, and the amendments printed in part B of the report. The rule provides that each such amendment shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for 10 minutes equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. All points of order against such amendments are waived except those arising under clause 9 or 10 of rule XXI. The rule also provides that the amendments printed in part B of the report may be offered only at the appropriate point in the reading.

The rule provides that for those amendments reported from the Committee of the Whole, the question of their adoption shall be put to the House en gros and without demand for division of the question. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

The rule provides that after consideration of the bill for amendment, the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations or their designees each may offer one pro forma amendment to the bill for the purpose of debate, which shall be controlled by the proponent. The rule provides that the Chair may entertain a motion that the Committee rise only if offered by the chair of the Committee on Appropriations or his designee and that the Chair may not entertain a motion to strike out the enacting words of the bill (as described in clause 9 of rule XVIII). Finally, the rule provides that during consideration of the bill, the Chair may reduce to two minutes the minimum time for electronic voting. Testimony was heard by Representatives Lowey, Payne, Waters, Stupak, Herseth Sandlin, Granger, Lewis (CA), Smith (NJ), Burton, Goodlatte, Dent, and Jordan.

INTELLIGENCE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2010

Committee on Rules: Granted, by a record vote of 8 to 2, a structured rule. The rule provides for one hour of general debate on H.R. 2701, the Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2010, equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence.

The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill except those arising under clause 9 of rule XXI. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence